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This month we look at why you should be using Twitter

OXFORD UNIVERSITY Press analysed the writing of children under the age of 13 and found ‘hashtag’ to be their word of the year (tinyurl.com/plsrl3y). If hashtag (#) is the favoured word of the children and young people that we care for, it needs to be in our vocabulary too.

For this reason I urge you to use www.twitter.com. In case you do not know, Twitter allows the exchange of ‘tweets’ – messages of up to 140 characters in length including links to further information, videos, pictures and photos. Using # allows information to be organised and searchable.

If you are new to Twitter, the Twitterversity put together by We Communities is an excellent resource, with guides on how to take you from student to professor tweeter, see wecommunities.org/resources/twitterversity

Among the We Communities is We Nurses, who host a weekly Twitter chat every Thursday from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. The team at James Paget University NHS Foundation Trust are raising awareness and providing a discussion platform about research on Twitter. #WhyWeDoResearch. Go to http://whywedoresearch.weebly.com

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